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SUBJECT: POLISH FISHING VESSELS IN SAN SALVADOR

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- 1. CONTRARY TO NMFS INFORMATION FROM POLISH OFFICIAL SOURCES NO POLISH FISHING VESSELS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS CITY OF SAN SALVADOR. HOWEVER, POLISH FISHING VESSELS HAVE BEEN USING EL SALVADOR'S PACIFIC COAST PORTS OF CUTUCO-LA UNION AND ACAJUTLA FOR SOME TIME.
- 2. THE GOES DIRECTOR OF PORTS CONFIRMS THAT FISHING VESSELS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POLAND, HAVE MADE USE OF ACAJUTLA AND CUTUCO-LA UNION FOR BERTHIN, RESUPPLY, MINOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS, SOME BUNKERING AND CREW EXCHANGES. IN JULY 1974 A POLISH REFRIGERATOR SHIP BERTHED ALONG SIDE A FISHING FACTORY SHIP AT ACAJUTLA AND SALVADORAN STEVEDORES TRANSFERRED A CARGO OF FROZEN FISH TO THE FORMER. HE CLAIMS EL SALVADOR DOES NOT HAVE AVAILABLE EXCESS PORT FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF FROZEN CARGOS AWAITING TRANSSHIPMENT.
- 3. THE PORT DIRECTOR ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IN MARCH A CHARTERED LUFTHANSA 707 BROUGHT 120 POLISH CREWMEN FROM POLAND AND EXCHANGED THEM FOR 120 OTHERS FROM VESRIPDLIFWCH CAME TO CUTUCO-LA UNION FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE CREWMEN WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE POLISH AND ONE CZECH OFFICIAL FROM FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER POLIJH AND CZECH OFFICIALS VISIT FROM TIME TO TIME.
- 4. POLISH CREWMEN HAVE ALSO USED SALVADORAN MEDICAL FACILITIES UNCLASSIFIED

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5. THE DIRECTOR OF PORTS CLAIMS NONE OF THE VESSELS IN-VOLVED HAS USED CUBAN PORTS AND THAT GOES IS SENSITIVE TO DANGER THEY WILL VIOLATE OAS RESOLUTIONS ON BOYCOTT. HE HAS PROMISED TO PROMIDE NAMES OF VESSELS AND BLOC OFFICIALS WITH DETAILS OF VISITS IF DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE IF FURTHER INFO IS NEEDED. CAMPBELL

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